[Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai.]

even in the premises of General Hospitals all over India. Even in big towns, small pox cases are not always taken far away from the town areas.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: Then may I know why should that hospital be located in the Manakaud Division only when there are other areas in Trivandrum?

Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai: That hospital is not meant for Manacaud Division alone but for the whole of Trivandrum and hence Travancore also.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: I meant only 'location'.

Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai: It is true that men doctors are not appointed in the Women and Children's Hospital at Thycaud and Government orders are to that effect. But at present Government are trying to give all facilities for men doctors in post graduate maternity course as a result of which provision is proposed to be made shortly.

Mr. Krishna Pillai said that frequent transfer of medical officers are being effected during the middle of a year and that considerable difficulty is being caused on that account in those places. I may assure the honourable House that if there are frequent transfers they are only temporary in character and officers in charge of big hospitals have never been transferred during the middle of the year. Transfers are effected according to the necessity of the occasion and not otherwise.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: I may inform the honourable member that I also protest against these temporary transfers,

Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai: But such transfers are necessitated by men going on leave. No place will have to remain without getting medical relief.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know how many Assistant Surgeons in charge of the hospital at Neyyattinkara have been transferred within a short period of 6 months?

Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai: No assistant surgeon was put in charge of that hospital. There was one assistant surgeon for 2 months because the Deputy Surgeon in charge of that institution was on leave.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: All that I meant was how many medical officers were transferred from the Neyyattinkara hospital during the short period of 6 months? I am not concerned with technical words as Deputy or Assistant surgeons.

Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai: The doctor who was put in charge of the Neyyattinkara hospital being a senior officer was wanted for a bigger hospital and hence he was transferred. As a sort of disciplinary measure, the present man was posted to that hospital.

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